

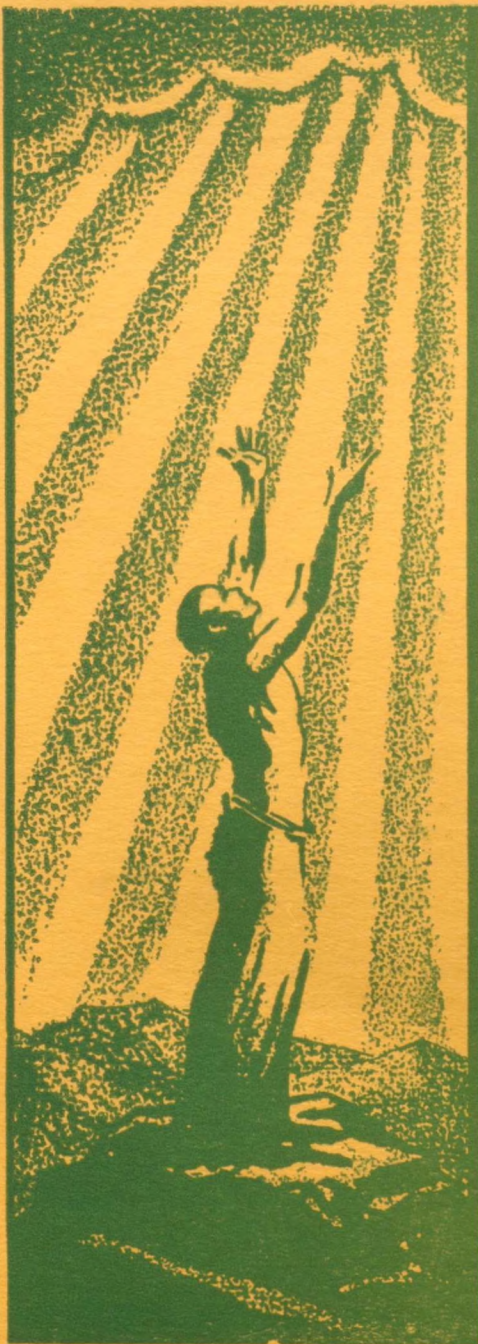
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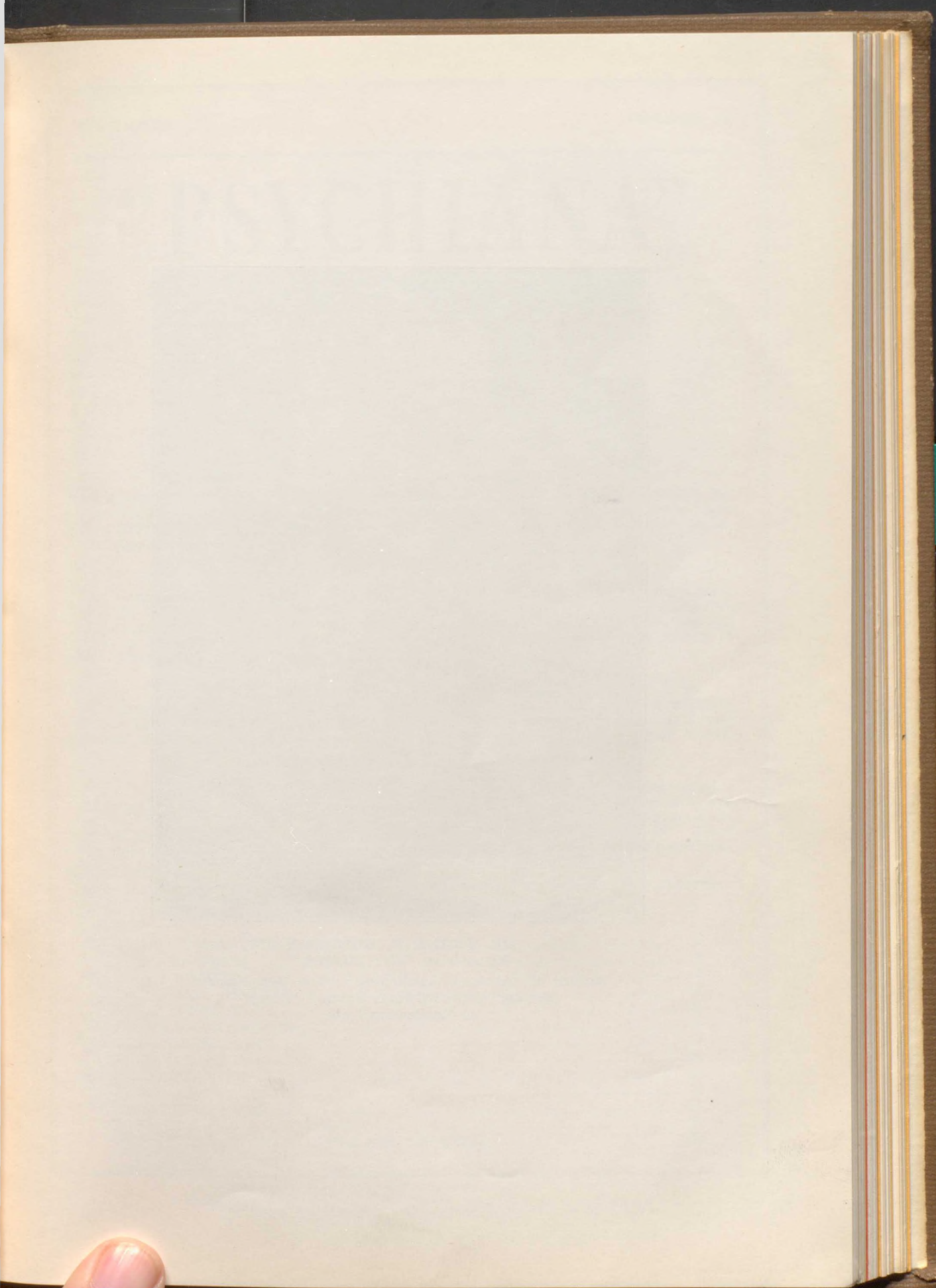
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## A CHRISTMAS STORY

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Once more the Christmas Season is upon us and I suppose that to be up-to-date I should write a little article in this Magazine about Christmas. Well, I will. I do not believe that this article would be published in the Gospel Advocate or any of the rest of the orthodox magazines. However, I am interested only in the Truth, while they care nothing whatsoever about the Truth of the story they teach. They are interested in propagating that story, true or false, and I make this statement because they have spent all their lives, these denominations, in trying to find evidence to prove the Truth of their story and have utterly discarded all evidence against it. They don't have to look to contemporary literature to find evidence of the truth of the story of Jesus Christ. All they have to do is to read carefully their own good book, for if they will do that, they will find incontrovertible evidence that the story certainly is nothing more nor less than a deliberate steal of the same story from other and much older systems of religion. However, let's take the Bible story as it is read and see if we can't find out what the internal evidence of the New Testament discloses concerning the truth or error of the Christmas story which was being celebrated, by the way, in many other countries long before Christ was ever heard of.

Now, I won't go into the story at too great a depth because you know what it is in substance. The teaching and passion of Jesus, as well as His birth, had been subjects of written tradition long before any attempt was made to round out a picture of His life by describing its beginnings. Not only in Mark but even John, the latest of the gospels, the narrative begins with the public appearance of the Baptist. Only Matthew and Luke deal with the birth and childhood of Jesus, and the two accounts are irreconcilably at variance.

Matthew describes how Mary, en-

gaged to be married to Joseph, was (before they came together) found to be with child. He tells us the father of the child was the Holy Ghost. I leave it to your own good judgment as to whether it was or not. Joseph being a follower of the law and not quite willing to see Mary subject to the penalty of the law for such misconduct, resolved to put her away secretly. At this point in the picture, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him with these words: "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is begotten in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins." Matthew then proceeded to tell how Joseph awakening from sleep, did as the angel commanded, and took his wife to himself. but did not enter into sexual relations with her until she had brought forth this first born son, which according to Luke, they called Jesus.

At this stage we become informed of the time and place of these events. It was at Bethlehem of Judea that Jesus was born and in the days of Herod the king. The divinity of the child is forthwith confirmed by a sign. Magi came from the East to Jerusalem. We do not know how many there were, but these Magi wanted to know where the baby was. They stated that they had seen a star in the East and although they were wise men, they still did not know where the baby was. Then Herod became quite a little bit alarmed and instituted a search for this baby quite similar to the searches which had been instituted in other religious stories many years before. It seems that this star stood still over the house of Joseph, although I have always been quite dense as to how a star millions of light years away could settle over one individual house. As a matter of fact, these stars are so immense in size that it would take many millions of little globes like this earth



to make one of them. Yet we are told that the star stood still over the house wherein was the child and Mary, its mother. At this point these wise men fell down and worshipped this baby and presented it with gold, myrrh and a lot of other things. They were warned, however, in a dream, not to return to King Herod, so they departed into their country another way.

Then Joseph had another dream and in this dream an angel appeared and told him to take the child and its mother and flee into Egypt to escape the wicked designs of Herod. We are told that Herod, in an impotent wrath, issued orders to kill all children in Bethlehem and its borders of two years old and under. Now, note carefully here, please, that if we leave out of this account the elements of the preceding narrative that have been derived by research from the Old Testament, there is nothing left which could not have been drawn from living tradition, or in other words, from popular story. In fact, its vague and unclear statements which perplex the interpreter and have been brought into prominence by many writers seem even to preclude the possibility of any written source having been at the disposal of the author, and are most naturally explained as arising from careless repetition of oral tradition.

Now if we read Luke's story, every unprejudiced eye will perceive that the narratives of the nativity of Matthew and Luke are mutually exclusive and entirely irreconcilable. They have in common the figures of Joseph, Mary and Jesus, the designation of Jesus as Messiah, the date of Herod's reign and the date of the birth at Bethlehem. Upon the common foundation these two writers built two completely different structures. Matthew says Joseph's home was in Bethlehem and in Luke, it was in Nazareth. The divinity of Christ was attested in Luke by the angel's words to the shepherd and the song of the heavenly Host. It is attested in Matthew, however, by the appearance of the star in the East. A new-born Messiah receives his first adoration from the shepherds; in Matthew from the

Magi. In Matthew, the family of the Saviour flees from the wrath of Herod to Egypt and afterwards avoids Archelaus by settling in Nazareth. In Luke, after fulfilment of all the ceremonial duties arising out of the birth, the return is made to Nazareth direct, and according to Luke, the youth of the saviour is spent quietly and uninterruptedly while in Matthew, his earliest years are disturbed by perils and changes of abode. There are still deeper contrasts emerging from these two different narratives, but I won't go into them here.

From the nature of the case both canonical narratives were accepted by faith and incorporated with each other. The process began in a writer so early as Justin Martyr. The contradiction between the doctrine of the divine origin of Jesus and the fact that in the gospels, not Mary but Joseph is spoken of as of the house of David, he removes by representing that it was Mary who belonged to the house of David, while veiling Joseph's Davidic origin by saying that he belonged to the tribe of Judah. Many attempts have been made to harmonize these different stories of this narrative, but they have all failed. It simply is not possible to harmonize them because they are just two entirely different stories. Divine inspiration did not inspire these two Bible writers alike, and to me that completely kills the entire story and brands it as a fabrication. This is especially true when I know that history gives us a lot of other nativities very similar to this one which were given to other religious bodies for the same identical purpose of proving that the religious leader they were following was actually a combination of God and man or was God alone.

I hate at this Christmas time to throw any cold water on the festivities, but at the same time, truth must come first, so I am saying to you that this story of the nativity of Jesus Christ with its immaculate conception, virgin birth and all the rest of it is not true. It is old pagan superstition and was stolen bodily from heathen religion and yet the Christian religions ask us to be-



lieve it. They ask us to stake our whole present and future happiness on the theory that the story is true. Now if the Christian religion has the same identical story as these pagan religions have, what difference is it from them?

Again, and the most amazing part of it lies right here. The Christian church asks us to accept this story in spite of the fact that two or more divinely inspired writers tell you entirely different stories and introduce no evidence, whatsoever, that the story is anything but heresay. All contemporary literature is silent regarding these miraculous happenings on the plains of Bethlehem. No writer of history living in that time and who happened to be not interested at all in the Christian religion ever heard of the story. Yet we hang on to it and thousands of churches throughout the land will take up collections today. Christmas trees will be lighted and the preachers and the congregations will reproduce this story of the birth, no matter whether it happened in Bethlehem or Nazareth. As far as historical value goes, the story is not worth the paper it is written on.

There will be a Christmas tree in my home this Christmas to be sure and the little kiddies will get a lot of kick out of tying the ornaments on it. The goose will taste awfully nice too, but there will be told in my home, no story of angels and shepherds and wise men on those Bethlehem plains so long ago. We shall have all the fun out of Christmas that is to be had without that story. I am very frank to admit to you that this sentiment and the holiday season connected with this divine birth fabrication is a very nice thing. It merely goes to show you what a beautiful sentiment can be built on an unproven and untrue theory. The sentiment is good, the holiday making is good and the turkey is good. The trouble is that there will be millions of people who will have no turkey at all. The trouble is that this great God, who in his Infinite Wisdom made Power and Love and came to the world to bring peace and good will to men, left a trail of blood and distrust in his wake. The trouble is that the Christian church which has

sanctioned and fostered this theory is perfectly content to eat up the turkey, to have a good time, utterly regardless of the millions who will do no such a thing this Christmas time. The churches like myself will celebrate this Christmas Season only for the vacation, the sentiment and the good things to eat.

If there were fifty people in the city of Moscow who actually believed that story and if the story is true, I can take those fifty people and convert the entire world to Christianity in twelve month's time. The story is not true and those who believe it are utterly unable to manifest any of the so-called power of the Christian religion, even in their own lives or anyone's else.

Oh, yes, the pulpits will be piled with a few cans of beans and some ham, popcorn and some sacks of flour for distribution to the poor, but what will the poor do after Christmas is over? You see, the church pays no attention to them, it just is a custom to donate eatables to the poor people they happen to know about. As far as it goes, this is all right. I would like to see some of the sham of this thing banished from it. I am not in favor of getting rid of the Christmas Season, but I am in favor of getting rid of false stories upon which the Christmas Season is founded. If the story of the Christian church cannot help the world, then for God's sake and for humanity's sake, let's get rid of it and let's replace it with something that might help, even if we have to give Mr. Sinclair of California a chance to do it.

I have a profound respect and a personal love for the Realm of the Spirit of God, but I have little respect and little love for these Christian festivities if they are taken at all seriously and if the story, the impossible story, of the incarnation of God in a baby is advocated as a true story. Let's get away from all that sort of thing. Let's lift these man-Gods off the earth. Let's look back of all these intensely interesting and oddly fascinating stories of the immaculate conception to the great Power of God here for you and me. Let the baby play with Christmas trees and let



the Spiritual baby play with the story of Jesus Christ.

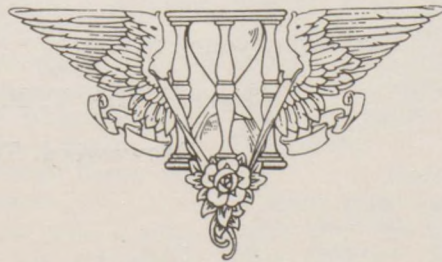
I said in my last book, "The Life Story of Frank B. Robinson" that if men and women could find God through the story of Jesus Christ, then by all means to stay with it, but do not literally accept that story as being true because you never can have a very big conception of God, which conception is based on a story so fantastic and impossible as this story is.

If I say to the millions of hungry unemployed people this Christmas that I have a plan whereby they can all have a job, all earn their own living and all enjoy their Christmas Season, they will listen to me. If I have such a plan and put it into operation, that will be a God-given plan, but this business of lighting the candles in an old church house and reenacting the scenes of the nativity of Jesus Christ, all these things have nothing of real value in them. That sort of thing might play on the emotions a little bit, perhaps, but as far as actually changing the view point of a man from things material to things Spiritual, it cannot be done by such methods.

This Christmas, in accordance with my usual custom, I shall donate to every poor family in this county either a sack of flour or a basket of groceries, and there are a lot of them here this year

too. In other years, people have sent in money to me to be used for this purpose, but it has come too late. This is the first time I have told all of my students of what I do here. If any of you want to help me do this, that is perfectly all right. Send in whatever you want to and it will be used for this purpose. You can probably find lots of poor people in your own neighborhood, though, but if you can't and you want to help, that is perfectly all right.

Now those of us who know the truth of this Bible story and who know of the real acts of God, I say to you in closing this article, that I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. All my hundreds and thousands of students, friends and followers throughout the world, I do not know who you are but I want you to keep in tune with the Realm of the Spirit of God and at this Christmas time, rise above these beautiful though impotent Christmas programs to the Realm where dwells God and for the coming year, with your eyes single to that great Power, grow as you should grow. There will come a time and a Movement before too long in which you will be needed, so just quietly possess your soul's life in the very active quietness of this Spiritual Realm and let the great Light lead you. A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to you all.





## IN FOUR WEEKS

August 1, 1934.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your third lesson received some time ago and it presents the most marvelous scheme I have ever seen. It is wonderful.

It certainly works in a material way. I am feeling wonderfully well. I can walk for several miles without tiring, something I haven't been able to do before in years.

I believe I have two more lessons coming to me and will send in more money next month, for I do not want a Lesson to be delayed.

I certainly would like to have your books and hope to be able to get them in the near future.

As ever, your student,

(Signed) Mrs. V. B.,

Brownwood, Texas.



## WAS I RIGHT?

Some time during the first few months after I released this teaching, a world-famous scientist wrote me a letter and in this letter, he stated that this philosophy of mine was the most amazing piece of scientific literature which had ever been released. The names of about thirty-five other scientists were sent to me and I sent them all my literature. Now, whether this had anything to do with the interest which immediately after developed in the Cosmic Realm, I do not know. I do know that prior to this time, scientists had been fighting for a mechanistic and materialistic universe and they smiled at any attempt to prove that the main power behind the universe was unseen and Cosmic, whereas the mechanistic and materialistic things were quite secondary.

Dr. Milliken of Pasadena stated that these Cosmic Rays, to which he began to devote his attention, were emanations from Universe building up. Sir James Jeans, world-famous astronomer and scientist, claimed that this Cosmic energy was emanated from a Universe breaking down. It was at this time and while this argument was going on that I advanced the theory that instead of the Cosmic Rays or Cosmic energy being either of these two different emanations, it might be the *cause* of the Universe itself. Now, whether what I wrote had anything to do with it or not, I do not know. I do know that within a year, most of the leading scientists had completely reversed themselves and were beginning to advocate the philosophy of life advocated by me, in as much as it applies to the Cosmic energy being the direct cause of the Universe.

Now, let me reproduce here a clipping which was sent to me and which was taken from the Cleveland, Ohio, Press, September 10, 1934. It goes to show you that scientific minds are now accepting in principle what I advanced five years ago.

### *Matter Over Reality*

"A battle is brewing in the world of 20th Century science which is exactly the opposite of the one which rocked the 19th Century. Signs of the new conflict were clear in the presidential address delivered by Sir James Jeans, world-famous astronomer, at the opening session of the Aberdeen meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Nineteenth Century scientists argued for a world of strict cause and effect, for a mechanistic universe which ruled out of existence the notion of free will. In this, they were opposed by philosophers and psychologists.

Today the situation is reversed. The physicists and astronomers are wandering in a shadowy world where cause and effect no longer operate clearly. They are willing to admit many of the claims of the earlier psychologists and philosophers although they approach these claims by new paths.

But strangely enough, the physical scientists are now drawing upon themselves the wrath of the psychologists and biologists. Workers in the biological sciences, having adopted the methods of physical science within the last 25 years, are unwilling to let go of the mechanistic idea.

Thus, for example, we had the full flowering of the mechanistic idea a few years ago in the behavioristic psychology of Prof. John B. Watson. Prof. Watson desired to reduce all human activity to the standpoint of physical behavior. He completely denied the existence of such things as "mind" or "thought."

### *Reality of Mind*

And now comes Sir James Jeans with the affirmation that mind is the only reality! Space and time and the whole physical world, Sir James told his colleagues in Aberdeen, have no objective reality apart from the mental concepts of them that man creates in his own mind.



For many years psychologists and philosophers have debated over the possibility of the existence of two worlds, one the world of reality, the other the world of consciousness. Followers of Watson, by abolishing consciousness, would leave only the physical universe. At best, psychologists have grudgingly admitted that the world of consciousness was some sort of a reflection of the world of reality.

But Sir James makes reality synonymous with our consciousness. Nothing is real, he told his audience, except what is in our consciousness.

This view immediately raises an important question which James realized and undertook to answer with a bold speculation. If all nature exists only in our consciousness, why do we all see the same sun, moon and stars?

In answering this question Jeans pointed out that according to modern physical theory, the phontons or little bullets of light are not distinct entities but the parts of a wave. Similarly the electric current is a stream of electrons which when in motion comprise a continuous wave. The same thing, he said, was true of the billions of cells making up the human body.

"Isn't it conceivable," he continued, "that what is true of objects perceived may be true of the perceiving minds? When we view ourselves in space and time we are quite obviously distinct individuals; when we pass beyond space and time we may, perhaps, form ingredients of a continuous stream of life."

#### *Relatively Foundation*

Jeans summed up his point of view—which incidentally finds its firmest

foundations in the Einstein theory of relativity—in the following words:

"Our minds can only be acquainted with things inside themselves, never with things outside. Thus we can never know the essential nature of anything, such as a centimeter or a wave-length, which exists in that mysterious world outside ourselves to which our minds can never penetrate; but we can know the numerical ratio of two quantities of similar nature no matter how incomprehensible they may both be individually.

"For this reason our knowledge of the external world must always consist of numbers and our picture of the universe—the synthesis of our knowledge—must necessarily be mathematical in form.

"All the concrete details of the picture, the apples and pears and bananas, the ether and atoms and electrons, are mere clothing that we ourselves drape over our mathematical symbols—they do not belong to nature, but to the parables by which we try to make our nature comprehensible."

In his address, Sir James referred to the famous Michelson-Morley experiment, performed in Cleveland, O., in 1887. It was on the foundation of this experiment that Einstein built his theory of relativity.

This experiment, he said, designed to show the separation of space and time proved that such a separation was impossible.

The general theory of relativity, he continued, went further and proved that the four dimensional space-time continuum was likewise "a mental framework of our own construction."





## THE USUAL RESULT

Dr. Frank B. Robinson,  
Moscow, Idaho.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am taking this opportunity to let you know of the benefits that I have derived from your Lessons to date.

For the past several years, misfortune has dogged my very footsteps and, try as I would, I have been unable to accomplish anything. Everything that I tried, simply turned to failure and I had reached the point where I was about to give up. I lived in fear of what the future had in store for me. It seemed that I was caught in a rut and I was unable to get out of it. Besides having a lot of misfortune, my health has not been so good and I arrived at the conclusion that my life was simply meant to be one of gloom and misery. Do you wonder why I lived in fear of everything (including life itself) when all I could see ahead of me was nothing but ill health and misfortune?

What a difference since I have taken up your course, what a difference. I have taken a new lease on life and the very things that I once feared have completely gone out of my system. Some of those things are now amazing me instead.

I want to say in all sincerity that your first Lesson took all the fear out of my life. I now think that life is wonderfully thrilling and well worth living. Your second Lesson opened my eyes a little more and as far as your third Lesson is concerned, there is nothing that I can say that will justify its merits. It has raised my hopes a million miles in the sky and when I look at the wonders of this world, and the sky above, it simply thrills me. I feel as though I am living in a different world. It is all so wonderful when one realizes his relationship to the Power of the Living God and I say to you thanks a million times for calling this Course to my attention.

When I received your third Lesson, I kept reading and reading it and I had a smile on my face that reached from ear to ear. You have no idea how that Lesson made me feel. I felt as though I was floating on air. All my friends are amazed at the change that has come over me. I assure you that it won't be long before some of my friends will take this Course for their own benefit. Again, I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Your friend and student,

M. C.,  
Astoria, L. I., New York.



## STILL EFFECTIVE

I want to reproduce here a letter received by me. This letter came from Massachusetts. It just goes to show you how, when a man is actually teaching the truths of God, the effect upon a human life is almost instantaneous. Men and women instinctively know Truth wherever they hear it. It doesn't take a preacher to dispense Spiritual Truth, very few of them ever did that. No matter from what source the Truths of God may come and regardless of the instruments used, people instinctively feel the power of the spoken or written word, if it does contain Spiritual Truth.

This letter is only one of thousands I have received and they keep coming to me every day, unsolicited, so I submit it to you and hope that if you should be a little discouraged, you may take heart through reading this letter. There is no question but what there does exist now, the greatest Law the world has ever seen. This Law is God and no matter who it may be who grasps this Law, the beginning of the end of the troubles of that person is at hand. I do not know very much about this law yet; I am only standing on the edge of a great sea, throwing pebbles into it and just splashing myself with a few drops of the Truths of God. However, those few Truths have won their way into the hearts of hundreds of thousands of people and it may be as the years go by, I shall absorb a little more Spiritual Truth and shall be happy to pass it on to you. This is all the comment I shall make on this letter. Just read it.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I have found studying with you that all lessons have been very dynamic. The God-Law has worked for me while studying with you.

Just a few weeks ago, I applied the God-Law concerning my health and it cured me. So I know what the God-Law can do for us.

Dr. Robinson, you keep me spell-bound from one lesson to the other,

not that I am sorry you understand. It is a beautiful and fruitful study and I am grateful for the privilege of having you for my teacher.

This study makes me think of a beautiful rose unfolding. I have always tried to live a clean life and don't think anyone would want to live otherwise studying with you. I never doubt anything you ask me to do. I know you are right and I want to be right in my living and that is why you are my teacher today.

My lessons or studying come first of all. I have been a long time finding the God-Law and am staying right with it. Just to think what humanity has had, through errors of others. I am very grateful to you, Dr. Robinson, but that is a very tame way to put it.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. S.

Here is one more letter from Toledo, Ohio, which was received on the same day. You will realize that I do not ask for these letters. They come to me absolutely unsolicited and I never see these students.

This letter was not even addressed to me, but was addressed to "Psychiana." Now, I submit to you that hundreds and thousands of students would not write letters like this to me unless they actually found that the Power of the great Realm accomplishes things for them. Let me tell you something else. If any philosophy of life and of God didn't work and if these letters did not come to me, I would close this place down for I can make far more money working for others than I am making working here. This Movement is a very heavy strain on me and it taxes all the mental capacity I have and were it not for the strength of the Spiritual Realm, I could not successfully carry it, but I learned, shortly after I launched this



Movement, that it was of God and this being a fact, I cannot possibly lay down on the job. I must continue to pour out of myself everything that is in me in order that others may be helped as they are being helped.

We know that there is no known cure for either gangrene or sugar diabetes. We know that when the flesh has rotted from any part of the body, medical science cannot replace that flesh, yet read what this gentleman says. I try to be very careful in the statements I make and I always keep both feet on the ground. I am just a normal human being like you are and I sprout no wings of any kind, nor do I make any fanatical claims of any kind. I do not tack the word Yogi in front of my name, nor do I call myself a mystic or anything on that order. I am a cold-blooded, hard-headed, matter-of-fact business man who has learned through years of intense search that the Realm of God is here and not up in the sky. I have learned that there are no limitations to the Power of that Realm, once the Law governing its operations is complied with. I do not know the writer of this letter. I have never seen him and the chances are that I never shall see him. I do not know the thousands of other students who write like this either, and I might say I am not interested in knowing them. All I want is for them to find the liberating Truth of the Realm of the Spirit of God and apply that Truth, for I am saying to you in this Christmas issue of the Magazine, that according to your faith in this Realm of God, it will be done unto you. Read this letter carefully and then ask yourself whether or not you are living up to the full experience of God, as you might live up to it. The Power of God is not limited to the two people whose letters you see here. It is for you just as much as it is for them. I trust that you have no physical disability of any kind, but if you have, then read this letter.

Toledo, Ohio  
September 8, 1934

"Psychiana,"  
Moscow, Idaho

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find P. O. Money Order for \$2.25 to cover payment due in September.

I have just received Lesson Number Eleven and I am getting results. I am cured of sugar diabetes. My case was so bad that gangrene had set in and the flesh had rotted off my left foot. Have about completed growing a new foot. Tests show no sugar and this without dieting or any medicine.

My financial problems are being solved too. Do I believe in the God-Law? Ask me.

J. M. P.

Now let me give you one more letter which came in on the same day from Oklahoma. The first lady was from a mistress, the second from a mister and now this one from a miss. This is a case of tuberculosis and if you will recall past issues of this magazine, you will remember that I have reproduced the letters from many cases of tuberculosis.

I do not know what the future of this Movement holds but it is more than likely that in the not distant future, some of the big magazines will find out about it and will send someone out here to write it up. If that happens, then of course the picture will change entirely. At any rate, the time is coming when front page attention will be called to this Movement by every newspaper in the United States, because you cannot demonstrate the Power of the Spirit of God as it is being demonstrated here and have anything else happen.

Porter, Oklahoma,  
September 8, 1934

Dr. Robinson,  
Moscow, Idaho

Dear Dr. Robinson:

When I enrolled for your Course of Instruction, I had been bed fast for eight months. Now after four months, I am up most of the time. I can walk one-half mile without



resting. My cough is gone and I eat and sleep well. The temperature is normal and I am gaining in weight. My X-ray shows almost clear. Now, what do you think of that?

A friend and student,  
Miss E. W.

Now here comes another letter in the same mail from Elsah, Illinois. I am reproducing this letter in full. You will notice that all of these letters state that my teaching reveals God. That is all I am interested in, for once this great Realm of God is discovered, nothing else matters to me. I haven't the time to go down to Los Angeles and go on the air over KNX and amuse myself as the Rev. Dr. Hey-di-diddle-le-di, speaking against Mr. Sinclair. Nothing like that. I am wholly wrapped up in the demonstration of the Power of the Realm of God and I have no time for such performances as these publicity hunting parsons in Los Angeles engage in. Let us suppose that these individuals were to keep out of politics and confine their activities to doing a work similar to what I am doing. How much closer do you think the world would be drawn to the Realm of God? At any rate the work of God would not be retarded because men wearing the cloth get entirely outside of their own realm and stick their dirty fingers where they have no right to stick them.

I do not care very much for publicity personally. I am not interested in it. It means nothing anyhow, for the chances are that what people think of you is very apt to be wrong. I have never been able to see what the limelight ever got anyone, except perhaps to tickle his sense of vanity.

I saw yesterday in a certain hotel not far from here, a United States Congressman who has just been reelected to office. The man was so drunk that he couldn't see straight and his friends helped him across the hotel lobby and took him up in the elevator to his room, where the chances are he guzzled more whiskey. If you read the columns of the newspapers regarding that individual you might say, "My, what a won-

derful fellow he is." As a matter of fact, he is nothing more nor less than a drunken bum, even though he is a United States Congressman. He obtained his office by false pretenses and is holding it by the same method.

I have to smile sometimes when I see the weak, puny efforts of some of these picayunish Baptist preachers to upset a Movement like this. Here we are in Moscow with very few friends in the city and yet we are demonstrating, absolutely, the power and the principles of the Realm of God. Yet some of these frock-coated, bewhiskered individuals palm themselves off as "Ambassadors of God" and lift their holy hands in horror to high heaven, shocked at the activities of that atheist Robinson.

Well, you know the old Bible story about the great judgment day. If that story is true, then there are going to be a whole lot of Baptist preachers and a lot of other preachers to scream for admission to the pearly gates and some of them will be astounded when they hear the Master say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, I never knew you." After these holy Brethren and these political publicity seekers have gotten over the first shock of this statement, they try to argue and they may say something like this. "Why, Lord, there must be a mistake somewhere. I am an ordained minister. I was pastor of such and such church in such and such town. Surely your records are not quite straight. St. Peter must have made a mistake." Then it seems to me that, as the Bible says, the terrible verdict will be repeated, "Depart from me ye cursed, I never knew you. Possibly your church would know you; probably you were decorated with the title Reverend and you would tell men and women your own philosophy of religion and of God, but I am telling you that I never knew you. I was one of the unemployed in California. I had a wife and family and no work and when a man of God came along who could have provided me with work, you conspired against him. I was weak and in prison but you didn't come to see me. I had no respectable clothes to wear, but you didn't provide them for me. I was



hungry and knocked at your door one day and asked you for something to eat, but you referred me to someone else. Now, I am telling you to depart, I do not know you, we have no room here in heaven for the likes of you." That verdict will be final. Of course, I am stretching the picture here a little bit as you can see, but just the same, in principle the picture is true.

Of what earthly use is it to anybody to pay a man two thousand dollars a year or more to get up in a pulpit twice on Sunday and expound his own particular ideas of what constitutes the kingdom of heaven. We are told in their own Bible that pure religion and undefiled is to feed those who are hungry, clothe those who have no clothes, administer unto those who are weak, and so on.

I have just written another book called, *The Life Story of Frank B. Robinson*. In that book, I allude to a certain preacher, who on Sunday, used to wear a very large diamond and have two spot lights playing on him from the gallery. His salary was many thousands of dollars. That man could not enter that church without walking past many hundreds of hungry and distressed men, women and children. I wanted to know in that book and I still want to know how much of the spirit of God abided in that man, regardless of how high he stands in his denomination or how many degrees he possesses.

My friends, I wouldn't trade this little Movement of mine now for the biggest religious organization, including the Catholic, for that is the largest and wealthiest of them all. Just think what would happen if I were the head of that organization and would teach and

preach the truths I am teaching and preaching now. What marvelous results of healing there would be. What a marvelous flood of salvation there would be and what a wave of spiritual power would sweep throughout the whole world. However, I am not at the head of any organization like that and wouldn't want to be only for that one purpose, but as we grow and as our students keep faithful, men and women are finding the Power of God as the above letters show. The reason I have submitted these letters to you is only to show you that the work is still going on. I could fill this Magazine every month if I cared to with similar letters. It has been a long time since I have submitted any to you and I know that these four will strengthen and increase your faith in the great Realm of God. Read this last one closely.

Elsah, Illinois

Dr. F. B. Robinson,  
Moscow, Idaho.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I have now received up to the thirteenth Lesson. I want to say that your teachings are the most wonderful teachings that have ever been put to print.

These wonderful Lessons have shown me more about God than all the religious books and literature I have read during my life.

I am happy to say that I am learning more every day about how to use the Power of the Living God-Law in my own life.

Thanking you kindly, I am

Your sincere student,

W. W. P.





## DEMOCRATIC AGAIN

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Election is over and by an overwhelming vote, the people have shown the world that they are in sympathy with the President and his policies. Personally, I am a Republican and have never been anything else, although I have supported liberally the Roosevelt administration right from the start. I see no reason to change now. When the President of the United States took over the reins of government two years ago, the country was in a sorry mess. There wouldn't have been a bank open in another thirty days and as I see it, it would have been a crime to have taken this power away from the President before a four-year term was up. There are things about the present administration of which I am frankly skeptical, especially this policy of trying to pile up a deficit. I can't see that at all and yet, these men and women have to be found work and they have to be fed. That is a government duty.

I think first that all foreigners should be chased out of the country and I think that we should limit our helpful activities to those who are Americans. It is only right though that the present administration should be continued in office, for certainly the effects of the administration to date have been good. American people will very quickly put the present administration out of office if things do not go as they should go, for more than ever before, people are taking an interest in government and they are thinking too.

The world will see many changes in the next few years. The next thing which will happen will be a horrible war between this country and Japan. I think the President knows this, though, and is taking full precautions. Airplane bases are being built on the Aleutian Islands and in Alaska and at other strategic points. I trust that when this battle comes, the United States will be

able to give a good account of itself. I have thought this matter over a lot and have tried to see if I could not see some way of escaping this, but I can't see it. I am afraid it is coming. We can't depend upon England to help out, for English diplomacy will keep that country on the side lines while she keeps out of the picture and lets Japan and the United States tangle without any help from anyone.

I wish I knew of some way to get at the bottom of this war idea, but it is quite sure that militaristic Japan has made up her mind. That country, with a religious frenzy behind it, will plunge the world into another catastrophe, just as sure as I am dictating this now and, of course, it will be in the name of God. I have explained to you before the Movement called Japanism, whereby God is to incarnate himself once more into a Japanese priest and this yellow gentleman is to teach the true religion of the true God to the rest of the world. What a teaching it will be and what horrible methods will be used.

I am not much of a politician and I do not claim to be a prophet, but I do feel that Washington is fully informed of what is transpiring in the orient and I feel this morning, a lot of confidence in the President of the United States because you will recall that he was Assistant Secretary of the Navy and I do not believe that he is going to be caught napping.

Now, just a word to my students, friends and followers, and that word is that you stand behind the present administration regardless of party affiliations. As I say, I am a Republican, but I am supporting the present administration to the best of my ability and shall continue to do so until such time as I am convinced that it is wrong. I would like to ask you to do likewise.



## UPTON SINCLAIR

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The last general election focused the eyes of the world on the State of California. We had two men there fighting for the governorship of that State, one and out and out Republican with no new ideas of any kind, one may safely say, and the other one, Mr. Upton Sinclair, full of new ideas.

Never in the annals of the American elections has excitement gone to such a fever heat and never were as many different tactics employed to defeat a man as were employed by the Republican Governor to beat Mr. Sinclair.

For the first time in American history, you saw the Catholic church, the Protestant church and the Jewish church combining to beat one man for the Governorship of the State of California. Not all church people, however, did the combining, but some outstanding preachers who seem to glory in the lime-light added their little ten cent's worth to the confusion and Mr. Sinclair was beaten. The Rev. Bob Shuler was handing out his advice over the radio and so was the Rev. Martin Luther Thomas and several other of the lesser lights.

As far as votes go, Mr. Sinclair was defeated and while the usual charges of election fraud are rampant, I prefer to discount them and look at the campaign from a church angle. Now, these church people do not know whether Mr. Sinclair's plan is practical or not. The fact that three fourths of a million people wanted him for Governor proves that three fourths of a million people, and people of the right kind, by the way, think that his plan is practical. Whenever you see organized religion, such as you saw in this campaign, opposing anyone, it is a pretty safe bet that the one organized religion is opposing might very easily be in the right. Of course, I know that a great number of church members of every denomination and class are like the proverbial sheep, they follow their leader.

I am not saying here that Mr. Sin-

clair's plan is the solution to the problem confronting California because I do not know. About the most outstanding criticism of Mr. Sinclair was that he was a radical and a communist. Mr. Sinclair says he is neither one, and after reading his book and listening to his talks over the radio, I have personally formed the opinion that he is at least much more of a gentleman than those who opposed him. The one hour's Republican campaign which preceded Mr. Sinclair's appearance was one hour of libel, slander and malignity. Nothing constructive was offered, and to this hour of criticism, which should not have been allowed to be broadcast at all, Mr. Sinclair replied like a gentleman.

I have never been able to find out what Communism is. Mr. Hayes, the National Commander of the American Legion, sent me a lot of literature upon the subject at my request, but I still do not know what Communism is. I was in Italy recently and could not find out what Facism is, and I was in Germany and could not find out what Nazi-ism is.

I am a great believer in the right of the majority to rule and if 75 per cent of the total population of this country wanted Communism or socialism, I should should grant myself that this 75 per cent would be entitled to it. I am a very firm believer in the voice of the people being the voice of God, for after all, God and the people are one, or they should be one.

This world will never progress by looking backward, nor will it ever progress by following, exclusively, old line policies. We are living in a changing world. We are living in a world hungry for Spiritual knowledge and insight. Organized religion thinks that all Spiritual enlightenment and Truth must come through it, but in the light of what I have told you in the past five years, you know that anything advanced or fostered by organized religion today is very apt to be wrong. This is just simply because the founda-



tion stone upon which has been builded our present-day religious structure is nothing more nor less than a pagan superstition and has nothing enlightening in it. The key stone of every religious philosophy in existence, as far as the Christian nations go, is that God is in an unknown land. He has never manifested himself yet, physically, to any religious denomination and as far as they are concerned and as far as their evidence of his existence is concerned, he might just as well have no existence. The only thing they have to base their whole structure on is a story that two thousand years ago, God came from heaven to earth and took upon himself the form of a sinful man. The world did not want him, however, so they crucified him and his own followers saw him rise from the dead and ascend to heaven where he is now supposed to be, sitting on the right hand of the God of this great Universe. If you and I do not believe that story, then according to orthodox religion, we are eternally damned. This in a nut shell is all the church has to offer, and upon this philosophy, it expects to accomplish something. What it expects to accomplish. I do not know.

In this race for the Governor of California, we saw Jew, Gentile and Catholic campaign against the candidacy of Mr. Sinclair. From what little I heard of Mr. Sinclair over the radio, I should be very much tempted to seriously consider Mr. Sinclair's program, whatever it may be. At least it is a program which has for an objective the lightening of the burden of the common people. That is exactly what the Christ of the Christian church tried to do and I say to you that any Movement which strives to do that is a Movement born of God. I care not whether you call it Communism, Socialism or Sinclairism. This idea of letting the church take all the credit for the things of God is not such a good idea. In the first place, it is very questionable in my mind, whether or not the church knows anything of God at all. What it does know, of course, is its pet theories and dogmas and traditions and it seems to me as if these are only designed to keep men

and women under the domination of those stories, which I have so abundantly proved to be so utterly pagan and heathen in their entirety.

One thing is certain though—if Mr. Sinclair is right and if his philosophy is God-conceived, which it might very easily be, then the opposition met in California will mean nothing at all through the coming years. The Truths of God cannot be downed by the Republican party or the Democratic party or by anyone else, for that matter. The plans of God will slowly but surely be revealed. Any form of Government or any system of philosophy, which allows a favored few to dominate the wealth of the land is a wrong philosophy of life and is a wrong form of Government. I know that no two people are alike and I also know that it is not possible to put all men and women on an equal footing, but it is possible to give the laborer a fair hire and wherever you find individuals piling up money in the bank at the expense of those who work for him, that individual has not caught the Spiritual vision at all. He may pile up hundreds of thousands of dollars, but what good does that do him when what he is doing is keeping it from others who would like to enjoy a little better living condition than they are now enjoying.

Take this Movement of our own here. The time will never come when anyone will dictate to me how to conduct this Movement. No combination of employees or no other combination will ever tie my hands in any way, shape or form, for rather than let them do that, I would close the doors. Again if such a thing were to happen and what little directing ability I may have were withdrawn from me, it wouldn't be very long until it wound itself up and all the employees would be out of jobs. So, it would not be good for them, whereas, I personally shall always be able to look after myself and make a good living. At the same time, I would not be playing a fair game if I did not pay those who work for me as much as I can and be consistent with good business principles. This we do here. As an employee proves his or her worth, the salary is



consistently raised and we start them all off at much more than any code authority calls for. As I see it, this is being as fair as I possibly can be. In this business and in my other businesses there can be only one direct head and the ability of that man, which has brought a business into existence, certainly should be worth something. It would not in the least be fair for a man of ability to provide employment for several thousand people and then expect to turn over the business to their direction, regardless of whether they had ability to continue the success of the business or not. So, you see, I can not advocate a principle which puts any limitations of any kind on a man's individuality or ability. At the same time, if a man or woman is engaged in useful labor or work and I state it is very wrong for any employer to pay these people as little as possible if by so doing, he is piling up money in the bank, more than his business needs require. Money laying in the bank or money which is extravagantly used for one person can very well be employed in lightening the burdens of others.

Church people in California, those who opposed Mr. Sinclair, had very little to do and might have more profitably employed their time. Suppose that Mr. Sinclair's plan is fair, just and equitable for all the people of California, then what. If it is, it means that the "Church of Jesus Christ" once more has hindered the work of the kingdom of God, for I am telling you that in the last analysis, and when the Truths of God are known, there will be found no favorites with him.

The colored man in darkest Africa is a human being, just as much a human being as you and I are in the sight of the eternal God-Law which controls this Universe.

You will recall that there was a rich ruler who came to Jesus by night and he wanted to know what he could do to fulfill the Law of God, for that is what salvation means. He made various and sundry excuses as to why he should be allowed to enter the kingdom of heaven and all that sort of thing. After he had finished painting this wonderful picture

of himself. Jesus told him that there was just one more thing he might do, and that was to sell what he had and give to those who had nothing.

I understand that Mr. Sinclair's plan would take from those who have and make an opportunity for those who have not, to at least make a living and support their families. Any Movement which is designed to do that is a Movement of God, regardless of what people say. Of course, we can expect those who have to oppose such a Movement, hence we found all the money interests bitterly fighting this plan of Sinclair's. If the "Church of Jesus Christ" ever knew anything of God at all, these preachers and members certainly must have forgotten it, for I fail to see how any organization could join up with the moneyed interests of California or any other state against the down-trodden men and women and still profess to be followers of God.

I consider Mr. Sinclair one of the most religious men this country has raised for some time and it is a pity that the "Church of Jesus Christ" had to play with gold instead of with God. It will reap its own reward in this though, for the mills of the Gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine.

I say to the ministers of California, who were so bitter in their criticism of Mr. Sinclair, that this entire campaign of church and of the money powers was in no sense of the word a defeat for the powers of God, but was an overwhelming victory.

The President of the United States has caught the spiritual vision and the Spiritual picture and you will notice that all of his emergency legislations were designated to make it a little easier for the "underdog" and, therefore, such legislation is good. You will notice the smashing and overwhelming victory for the President and his plans at the last election and this should be a terrible blow to the churches of California and the penny-ante preachers who protracted themselves into the limelight and used their feeble little insignificant power to try to upset a Movement which quite evidently has the spirit of God behind it, and is for all of the



people and not for the favored few. If these preachers who love publicity so well knew anything at all about the Spirit of God and the workings of the Spiritual Law, they wouldn't need to go on the radio and bla bla against such a man as Upton Sinclair. They did find millions of people ready to listen to them and they will find these millions just as soon as they begin to give the people Spiritual Truth. Of course these men have no Spiritual Truth and therefore, about the only way they can command people's attention is to ride along in Mr. Sinclair's band wagon and in this manner, of course, they can buy time on the radio stations and focus the attention of their followers to them.

It is poor business for any man of God to be fighting against a principle which is for the betterment of the vast masses who have nothing, and which will at least put bread into the mouths of hungry men, women and children. I think the leaven has begun to work though, and abroad in this land and in every other land, there are many honest souls who are fearlessly opposing the poppycock palmed off on a God-hungry world, by these "Ambassadors of God," who never in their palmiest days even began to comprehend who and what God is. If they think that God can be limited to the narrow confines of their own minds and their own denominations, they are certainly mistaken. They will find this out too because I happen to know that church leaders today are absolutely distracted when they look at their present structure and try to vision the future. They don't have a single thing enlightening or helpful to offer the world and yet they claim to be representing the only power which can straighten up the world, and that is the power of God. The reason for this is

that the church organizations have hatched up a little God of their own which they borrowed from pagan religions and are trying to ask intelligent men and women to pin their faith on that sort of creature. Well, men and women will never do it because we have had hundreds of years of that sort of teaching and all that has ever followed in its wake has been sin, crime and bloodshed and we do not want any more of it. If the God of the church is the only God it has, then we had better get rid of that one and try to get along with none at all.

Men and women are rapidly finding out that there does exist a Spiritual Realm and a Spiritual Law, behind which all other Realms and all other Laws fade into insignificance. I want to ask my students, friends and followers to spread the gospel of Universal power to the very best of their ability. Let us get down to earth, as far as God is concerned, let us lean on something more substantial than the four gospels for our present and future hope. We see the effect of the present religious teaching in this country. We have seen the effect of orthodox religion in the ancient world. We have seen what little success has followed the gospel teaching in India and we have also seen the same thing in China, Persia and in Israel. Let us remember that the early church fathers disputed over these old dogmas with a heat and rancor that didn't even stop at murder.

Let us discard such a theory as this and let us get down to vital living facts concerning a vital, living God. You can do this by keeping quiet in your own life and letting the Power of the Spirit of God mold you into what this Spirit wants you to be.



## PUGNACIOUS PARSONS

An Associated Press item appeared in the leading dailies a few weeks ago and to me, this press item it very interesting. It is headed, PROTESTANT MINISTERS VOTE AGAINST WAR.

A questionnaire was recently sent out by representatives of twelve religious bodies, Protestant and Jewish, and 20,870 replies were received from these men of God. The questionnaire asked for expressions on two general subjects—war and economics. Of those replying, 13,000 declared they would not sanction war in the future and would not participate in it, even as chaplains.

In answer to the question, "Do you favor military training in our public high schools and civilian colleges or universities?" over 17,000 of them replied "No." In reply to this question, "Do you favor substantial reductions in armaments even if the United States is compelled to take the initiative and make a proportionately greater reduction than other nations are yet willing to do?" 16,000 of them replied "Yes."

Then they ask the question whether or not these preachers believed that the policy of armed intervention in other lands by our government to protect the lives and property of American citizens should be abandoned and protective efforts confined to pacific means. Sixteen thousands replied "Yes" and 14,000 state that they believe that the church of America should go on record as refusing to sanction or support any future war. Thirteen thousand also replied that they were prepared to state that it was their present purpose not to sanction any future war or PARTICIPATE AS AN ARMED COMBATANT.

Now this is all very interesting to me because I have very definite and decided views on this subject. To my way of thinking, any man who will live in such a beautiful land as this is and then when danger threatens, refuses to fight for his country, that person has no business living in a land as fair as this is and should be politely asked to transfer

his domicile to some other country, where they will allow citizens to refuse to take up arms in its own defense.

The United States allows these religionists to hold their property tax free, yet 16,000 of them go on record as being unwilling to defend the country in time of danger.

It isn't very long since 67 per cent of the preachers of this country, to whom this questionnaire was sent, stated that they did not believe in either heaven or hell. This just simply means that they do not believe in the rest of their story. These men of God, 67 per cent of them, admit that they do not believe the story they preach and it is altogether right that these 13,000, who state that they would refuse to fight for this country, are among that 67 per cent.

I have stated more than once that I do not see how any man can be honest and preach orthodox religion as revealed in the Bible and be fully informed as to what kind of a story he is preaching. To my way of thinking, an honest man, even an honest preacher, should be thoroughly convinced that the story he is preaching is true before he preaches it. Furthermore, if he doesn't know that it is true, he should make an intelligent effort to find out, and if any preacher wants evidence that his story is not true, let him get my last book, *Crucified Gods Galore*, and he will find it out pretty fast.

If I had my way, the United States would deny citizenship to any man, preacher or priest, or otherwise, who was willing to enjoy the protection of the United States and yet state that he would refuse to defend the country protecting him if the occasion arose. These men of God would fight quick enough for religious superstition, but they would not fight to save the country giving them birth. Never you fear that if war breaks out and these preachers are needed, they will fight all right and if



they don't do it willingly, they will be forced to do it.

We had an experience along this order in the last war. "Conscientious objectors," some of them called themselves. I personally would call it cowardice, for to me there is more godliness in taking a rifle or sword to defend this land of freedom than there is in ducking a bunch of religious dupes and fanatics in six feet of water, telling them that by so doing, their "sins are being washed away by the blood of the Lamb."

One of these questions asked if they believed the churches of America should go on record as refusing to support or sanction any future war. Fourteen thousand of them said "Yes." That is nearly three quarters of them. Thank the Lord we have a country here, ruled by a President, Senate and House of Representatives and whether or not the churches went on record as refusing to sanction or support any future war, they would go if man power were needed.

There is nothing like a little physical pain to change cowardice into bravery and perhaps the point of a bayonet inserted about one inch in the fleshy part of the anatomy of some of these traitors to their country might serve a very useful purpose.

I wonder what these 14,000 preachers would do if their homes were invaded by thieves some night, trying to steal their possessions. Would they let the thief take their possessions because they did not believe in fighting? I have no doubt but what a great many of them would. I would hate to be the burglar who tried to enter my home some night and let me catch him there. The end would be fast and furious and unless he got the drop on me first, there would be one less criminal in the world.

America as a whole is fast getting wise to this institution teaching "orthodox theology" and the respect in which they were once held is rapidly waning. I understand that this questionnaire was sent out by S. Parkes Cadman and other Protestant ministers. That is nothing to his credit. With the churches losing members at the rate of 600,000 every year in the light of all this sky

piloting, we do not have to look too far for the answer. Where are these 600,000 a year going? Many of them just discard the whole thing and do not go anywhere. They would rather have nothing at all than the religious poppycock dispensed by men who refuse to protect their own country, which religious poppycock is dispensed in the name of the great God of the Universe. The evolution of the times, however, and the increasing intellectual capacity of thinking Americans will very effectively relegate the church with its present-day teachings to oblivion, if the church does not change.

Why do these preachers state that they would refuse to participate in a war of defense? Why do these men refuse to tell the world that long before their "Savior" ever existed, every religion under the sun had tried to put over the same story. We have today in India, several hundred million poor dupes terrorized physically and stultified mentally by agents of another God, entirely different from our Christian God, and yet in every fundamental particular, the same kind of a God.

These are the types of men who have accepted from me, my teaching under the guise of friendship and then behind my back written letters to the United States Post Office, trying to have this work stopped. They didn't get very far, though, for we have a Constitution here which gives to every man the right of free religious thought, speech and writing. This Constitution of ours was framed and came into existence at the hands of men who had no use for orthodox religion. Our far-famed Constitution came from the hand of an infidel, Governor Grover Morris, and it is most satisfying that the immortal Washington, a free thinker in religion, unbiased by dogma and not bound by creed, should have been the first President of these United States of ours, a country dedicated to freedom, in spite of the fact that three quarters of the preachers say they wouldn't defend it.

Where is there an instance of an orthodox christian having done anything for this fair land of ours, which outlived his span of life? You do not find Spir-



itual or Godly achievements in the record of orthodox theologians. They may have heroes in their own denominations, but their names do not go down in history as having accomplished anything for their fellowmen. Religious superstition never accomplished anything worth while yet for anyone.

There was Mazzini, a Unitarian, and Garibaldi, an atheist, who brought hope and freedom to modern Italy. There were two atheists, Danton and Mirabeau, who strove to save France from the injustices of the past and from the bloody excesses of the Revolution. Gambetta and Victor Hugo, two infidels, were the guiding stars at the birth of the Third Republic and Frederick the Great, an atheist, gave the world a united Germany. Louis Kossuth, a Unitarian, was the inspiration of Hungary's freedom, and Charles Bradlaugh, an atheist, struck the death blow to religious intolerance in England.

Of the American colonies, none gave greater liberty and justice to its people than that founded by William Penn, the Unitarian Quaker, whom these "conscientious objecting" parsons imprisoned for denying the doctrine of the Trinity. There was Thomas Paine, the infidel, who said, "Where liberty is not, there is my country." His book "Common Sense," burst from the press with an effect that has rarely been produced by type and paper in any age or country. It was only a few months later that our fathers called together the Continental Congress, which adopted that immortal document, the Declaration of Independence, penned by the master hand of Thomas Jefferson, an infidel. Let us not forget that it was Paine who kindled the fires of patriotism, which selected George Washington, another unorthodox, as commander of the army of our freedom.

From far-off France came Lafayette, an infidel, to fight for freedom and humanity and in that dark hour, Benjamin Franklin, an infidel, a deist, prevailed upon the Court of France to send the aid that made our freedom possible. The second head of our great nation was John Adams, an unorthodox Chris-

tian, and it was Thomas Jefferson, an infidel, who succeeded him.

There are those who would use the prestige of Washington's fair name to add luster to orthodoxy, but such claims can not be substantiated.

Where can the church produce such names as these? What has the church with its story of "the blood of the Lamb" ever done for the United States of America? Why its members, aye, its official agents, the preachers, by the thousand today, blatantly state that they would not even take up a gun in its defense. Yet this country gives them their property tax free, gives them reduced fares on railroads and allows them to propagate, under the guise of the Name of God, a pagan teaching and an idolatrous teaching which was hoary with age long before Jesus Christ and the present-day church was ever heard of.

Is this pretty plain speaking? It is, I admit, but you have no logic or sophistry nor preacher to overthrow this philosophy with. You just simply are preaching a doctrine which is positively ly untrue and you know it. On the other hand, I CAN PROVE that your story, at least, is not original, but second hand many times over.

I would be ashamed to be in a profession of which 75 per cent of its members made any such statements as this questionnaire discloses. If the day ever comes when I refuse to take up arms in defense of the fairest land under the sun, America, then, in that day, I shall buy a one-way ticket for the South Sea Islands or some other place, and even those islands would be too good for such a traitor.

Let's replace the baptismal fount with the Constitution of the United States. Let's do away with all tax free church property and let's make these organizations pay their share of money to support the flag under whose protection they live. They are no better than we are, as a matter of fact, I have but very little respect for the average preacher or priest, for I can not see how they can preach the doctrine they do and be honest. There is all kinds of evidence available that their story is not true,



yet for their own selfish ends, they continue to attempt to propagate, taking money from religious superstitionists, who have no spine of their own, for piloting their souls to "heaven," the existence of which 67 per cent of them have denied. Is there any honesty to this?

I grant you the right, every man or woman, to believe anything you choose to believe, but I do not believe any organization should be allowed to operate with its property tax free in the face of the statements that organization makes to the effect that in case of emergency, 75 per cent of them would refuse to defend their own country.

A Baptist preacher said to me the other day: "The Baptist church is a big organization and it can crush you any time it wants to." Now, I presume this man really thought he was stating a fact and I am ready to admit that the church part of the statement is correct, but the second part of his statement means very little to me for, big though it may be, there are not enough men in the Baptist denomination to upset this organization or myself. I saw a letter the other day written by J. J. McGraw, a Baptist preacher, who was formerly in Moscow. It was a letter of complaint written to certain Federal authorities in this country. This good man of God was trying to upset this movement. In the letter, he alluded to me as a crook and stated that I had absolutely no standing in Moscow, Idaho. He stated that everyone knew I was a crook, and I am just wondering why this holy man of God did not make those statements directly to me instead of running to the Federal authorities with them. Quite naturally, his letter was completely ignored and he was, in all probability, put down as a religious fanatic—I do not know. I am ready to bet dollars to doughnuts that this man, if the questionnaire I have alluded to in this article, were sent to him, very likely signed "No" to the question whether or not he would take up arms to defend this fair land of ours.

I admit that I am only one man fighting against lots of awfully big organizations, but one man can achieve a lot when he is backed up by the Power of

the Spirit of the great God-Law. So, to those among the Baptist denomination and other denominations, if there are any who are interested in upsetting this work, I say: "Go ahead." Your chances are perfectly good. You are millions against one, but I have one thing which you haven't got. I have a true story of the Power of the Spirit of God, while you have nothing more nor less than an old, hoary, hairy, cock and bull story, which originated in pagan superstition in a heathen land and which was known to millions of people thousands of years before your God or Jesus Christ was ever heard of.

There is no organization that can stand against the Truth, the eternal truth of an eternal God, very long. My work is cut out for me. My fight is peculiarly my own. I know what my job is and I am qualified to handle that job or I would not have the vision. I shall never lay down my weapons against religious superstition until the untruth of the Bible and the story it teaches is known from one end of the country to the other. I want every man, woman and child in America to know that "every fundamental of the doctrine the churches preach today, existed and still exist in practically every heathen religion the world has ever seen. When they know that, they will begin to think and when they begin to think, it won't take them five minutes to discard, entirely, the complete story of the miraculous birth, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, together with the asinine and impossible story of the Trinity. Then with all that stuff discarded, men and women will be left to stand on their own feet and when that happens, they will naturally and automatically cast around for the Truths of God, and God being true, those Truths will be found by them.

I wish I had the names and addresses of these preachers. I would like to send them a copy of whatever magazine this article appears in. Chances are, many of them will see it anyhow and I want them to think over a little bit, what I have said, regarding any man who refuses to defend the land of his birth



and adaptation, in times of national distress and danger.

The God they preach was certainly a murderous individual for he struck dead 50,000 men, women and children in one lick for trying to get a little peep into a wooden box called the ark, in which he was supposed to live. Yet these humble followers of that fair God have a holy horror of handling a gun against an enemy. The time may come before very long when these sky pilots may have to defend this land. I hope this time never comes, but if it does, this country has a President with enough backbone to take these gentlemen saying they will not fight and stick them in the first-line trenches, where danger is the greatest.

When the Spirit of God as it exists, is known nationally and internationally and when the asinine story the church tells is finally and completely exploded, there will be no more war. It isn't infidels, atheists and thinkers who cause war. It is religious fanatics, who profess to be in league with the only God this world has ever seen and, of course, this God is always in THEIR POSSESSION. Look back down history's bloody trail at 99 per cent of the bloodshed of the past thousand years, trace it to its origin and you will find right in the kernel of the nut, either the Bible, a preacher or priest.

The power behind Japan's military machine today is a religious power. They

think, as a nation, that it is up to them to teach the true religion to the world and they openly say so. Well, as long as that idea is held, bloodshed will follow and there isn't a shadow of doubt about it. I am just hoping that the spirit and thought against all forms of supernaturally revealed religion will become so strong that enough men and women will discard it to put out of existence every "ambassador of God," who is preaching and teaching a philosophy which was not born today. Yesterday's God will not suit us today for our daily needs. In this day and age, we need a God of present origination. This God exists, not on some far-away throne in the heavens to be drawn on at the beck and command of some preacher or priest, not that, but he exists in you and in me, for it happens to be a fact that the great Spirit of Life gave to you and to me, at birth, just a little bit of its own marvelous life. If we recognize this fact and if we draw upon the great Master-life for whatever things we need in this life, our wants are supplied. That will be for the world, a happy day. In the meantime, let these preachers, who signed that blasphemous questionnaire, write a letter to the President of the United States and tell him that they made a mistake, that regardless of their religious philosophy, they will be willing at the call of the President to do what every red-blooded man would do—defend his own country.

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## Churchianity

An awful hue and cry has gone up in the metropolitan area because it is proposed that certain church properties should be taxed. Opponents have gone so far as to say that if the churches are taxed it will undermine religion and possibly be a spur to revolution, but what form of logic is used to arrive at these conclusions has not been elaborated upon.

It is a statement of fact that any number of churches are what the radicals might call "disgustingly rich." More, as time proceeds, they very often

grow richer. Why should they escape taxation?

Pretentious edifices and a lot of pomp and circumstance paying nary a penny in taxation while people starve and die of destitution may be Christianity but it is not the Christianity we were taught.

Tax the churches and sponsor revolution? Fiddlesticks! Taxing the people to death, keeping the churches free of taxation, may do the real damage in the long run.

—Quoted from *The Financial Age*,  
New York.



## IT HEALS!

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) M. B.



## TO MY STUDENTS

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Sometimes, through the sad but mellowing experiences of life, things take on a different hue. We seem, as it were, to change the perspective. We replace glasses of one color for glasses of another color; and things look different. Really they are not, but the glasses we wear give differing tints to things viewed by us. The life in tune with God will change. It will change continually. As new depths of spiritual knowledge are fathomed—as new heights of spiritual experience are gained—as new vistas of spiritual power are gained—life will change. Really it doesn't change. But it seems to. The life which stands still stagnates and dies. It can not soar to higher heights nor can it wing its way into greater depths. Only that life which knows its essential union with God can change. But changes in such a life are always changes for the better. Every God-man, wherever he goes, leaves behind him little reminders of the fact that someone has passed that way who knew God. And as such a one passes, and as he himself climbs to heights a little higher than those heretofore attained, there will inevitably come to such a life—changes.

Perhaps he will go through some experience which will mellow his soul. Perhaps death or serious illness may threaten the life of a loved one. But whatever it may be that mellows him, if he be a successful spiritual pioneer, and if he be in tune with the Master, such mellowing changes which are for the best will manifest themselves in his life and affairs. And if such a one be honest, and if the changes affect many, he will acknowledge these changes. For they will be God-given in their cause and effect.

When I first launched this Movement, I did this with but one thing in mind. I had found something of the beauties of the Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God; and I wanted others to know of these same beauties. I had, for many years, tried by the usual methods and

preachments, to know something of the sweet impelling Power which is God. Sham wouldn't satisfy me. Church dogmas and doctrines of themselves never could bring to my lonely heart the union with God I so much craved. Then when I found God through channels entirely removed from any church organization, naturally I was very indignant with various religious organizations which, claiming "divine" authority, etc., were telling men and women their own peculiar ideas of how "salvation" is to be found. Naturally this criticism and indignation went behind the men to the organizations fostering and training these men before sending them out into the ministry. I hope I am inherently honest. I try to be. Naturally when, after many years of intensive and careful analysis of varying religious structures and denominations, I found their very fundamentals certainly not original, but copied from much older and heathen traditions, it made a very marked effect on my life. Here I was, believing implicitly in everything every preacher told me. Trusting implicitly for peace and "salvation" in what every minister told me about God. And when I found the real truth of the dogmas and the traditions, naturally I was considerably upset when I found no grounds whatsoever for many of the things taught to me and told to me in my earlier years. I condemned them, and condemn them now, every church organization which does not tell its followers the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth as it knows it, where religion is concerned. I felt very bitter then, and still feel very bitter against those in authority who, because it would mean lack of revenue, refuse to tell those who trust them, all the truth of things religious, when many things religious are well known to them. Most probably the reason is that these known truths would blast to atoms the dogmas and doctrines taught through the centuries by the church, and to go back on them now



## EXEMPTION UNCHARITABLE AND IMMORAL

A list of hitherto exempt properties in New York which have been restored to the tax rolls would fill four pages of this Quarterly in small type set solid. The assessed value of those listed is \$55,640,900, but they are specially selected and represent little more than a tenth of the total of such properties in the greater city. Their owners plan a fight in court to retain their threatened privilege.

The exemption of religious property, in the United States, under the distinctive American principle of separation of church and state had no merit and was without justification in the beginning. Equal and impartial taxation of all property, civil or ecclesiastical, should have come about automatically under the first article of the bill of rights, which was intended to keep government and religion separate.

In all that the spokesmen for the "institutions" are saying in defense of what has no better name than the one commonly applied, which is "graft," no sound argument appears that could not be used against taxation in general. The churches say that if they must pay taxes they will be obliged to turn away their helpers and discontinue their "charities" and their relief for the unemployed. But a tax also hampers business and enterprises of every sort in what it might otherwise do, since hands can not be paid, an obsolescent plant replaced, or trade extended with money exacted for the indulgences of the state.

Men of means, weary of paying taxes, surtaxes, and super-taxes, avenge themselves at last on the tax-hunters by leaving their money to non-rate paying churches and non-sectarian institutions incorporated as charitable, benevolent or fraternal, for the purpose of receiving bequests. That sort of tax-evasion may be defeated by abolishing the over-tax on successful enterprises. An equal tax on the \$7,000,000,000 of church property would relieve the unemployed

to the extent that it lowered the rates on honest business.

A special argument for exemption is made by William D. Guthrie of the New York Bar. "It can readily be demonstrated," says Lawyer Guthrie, "that the actual cost and value of services rendered to the public by the private, charitable and religious institutions, and the saving thereby effected to the budget or taxpayers of states and cities, greatly exceed the aggregate of all exemptions granted, or other allowances and payments made to them."

No such demonstration can be made. It is not within the scope of mathematics.

We have, too, the argument from morality, which is likewise undemonstrable. That argument is a great deal more cogent in favor of exempting homes, for it is in the good home that the foundations of morality are laid. Moreover, the home supports its occupants, effectively reducing the state and city budgets. We could go further and include factories among moral influences, for they give idle hands something to do and keep them off the town. On the score of effective moral teaching, the exempt church is a cipher compared with the taxed home; and for utility, for relief of idleness, and for supplying those means of subsistence that prevent millions from becoming public charges, the church is not "in it" with the farm, the shop, or the gasoline filling station, all roundly taxed.

The "revolutionary" bogey duly appears, being brought in from the sidelines by a Roman Catholic bishop in Brooklyn, one Malloy, who declares: "By such taxation you would limit and restrict the power of the church to be a social agency for good. And if, in the present severe social disturbance and economic unrest, you add to their taxes, then revolution is just around the corner."

Bishop Malloy will hardly scare anybody, or will he, by threatening the red



revolt of the churches. The timid may be braced up somewhat by reflecting that revolutions are not started by taking away the arrogated privileges of the church, but some have been provoked by the opposite—that is, allowing those privileges to become excessive, burdensome, and unbearable. The downtrodden do not revolt for the purpose of fattening their pastors. Revolutions go the other way. Our own revolution deposed the church. The French revolution was aimed at the clergy as well as the nobility, the priest as well as the king. In our day we have seen revolutions in Italy, Mexico, Portugal, Spain, Russia; and in each revolt against tyranny there was a parallel attempt to relieve the country of a greedy church.

The managers of the church have been astute and far-sighted in assuming the custody of the public and private morals, although the professed

original function of the church was religious, and religion has nothing to do with morals or benevolence. That was a defensive proceeding on the part of the church. Whenever its power or property is threatened, it shoves these wholly secular concerns to the front and asks what is going to become of philanthropy and morality. It never asks: "If you tax churches, who is going to save your souls?" That would raise quite a laugh, though soul-saving is the church's specialty, and outside of it there is no salvation.

Said Grant: "I would suggest the taxation of all property equally, whether church or corporation."

Anything less than that defeats the purposes of charity and moral teaching. The tax which the churches dodge lessens the relief fund, and tax-dodging is dishonest and hence immoral.

—Quoted, *The Truth Seeker*.

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